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MAINSTREAM ENGLISH II (BEL250)

TEST SPECIFICATIONS FOR FINAL EXAMINATION

CONDITIONS	PAPER 3: SECTION A: LANGUAGE (15%)
TEST OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To use grammatical structures accurately and appropriately 2. To complete a cloze passage with grammatically correct items
ITEMS	Two (2) passages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A passage on mixed tenses 2. A cloze passage
TYPE AND LENGTH OF TEXT	Short texts/dialogues (social/general/contemporary)
PROPOSITIONAL FEATURES	General / academic
ORGANISATIONAL FEATURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mixed tenses - Filling in blanks with correct tenses 2. Cloze passage - Multiple choice question
LANGUAGE LEVEL	Formal/Semi-formal
WEIGHTAGE OF MARKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mixed tenses - 5 marks 2. Cloze passage - 10 marks
DURATION	Three (3) hours
MARKING GUIDELINES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mixed tenses - 1/2 mark per answer (10 blanks) 2. Cloze passage - 1 mark per answer (10 blanks) <p style="text-align: center;">(Please refer to the answer key (which will be provided to examiners).</p>

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CONDITIONS	PAPER 3: SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION (30%)
TEST OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To differentiate between facts and opinions 2. To make inferences, hypotheses and predictions 3. To evaluate writer's point of view 4. To use prior knowledge to comprehend text 5. To recognise main ideas and supporting details
ITEMS	Two (2) passages
TYPE AND LENGTH OF TEXT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passage 1 – 500-550 words 2. Passage 2 – 600 -650 words
PROPOSITIONAL FEATURES	General English/Authentic/Semi-authentic
ORGANISATIONAL FEATURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiple-choice questions 2. (MCQ) Open-ended questions 3. Filling in blanks 4. True/False questions
LANGUAGE LEVEL	Formal / Semi-formal
WEIGHTAGE OF MARKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passage 1 - 15 marks 2. Passage 2 - 15 marks
DURATION	Three (3) hours
MARKING GUIDELINES	Please refer to the answer key (which will be provided to examiners).

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CONDITIONS	PAPER 3: SECTION C: WRITING (25%)
TEST OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To respond critically and appropriately to information contained in different types of texts 2. To present arguments effectively 3. To present effective evaluation of ideas and opinions 4. To summarise information 5. To compare and contrast ideas 6. To classify information and establish cause and effect relationships
ITEMS	Two (2) tasks
TYPE AND LENGTH OF TEXT	General: Two (2) questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focussed summary of a 600-word passage. 2. An essay of between 250 - 300 words
PROPOSITIONAL FEATURES	Familiar/Authentic/Semi-authentic. All types of stimulus allowed for essay - either linear or visual. Visual stimulus may be caricature, advertisement, cartoon strip, etc.
ORGANISATIONAL FEATURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To summarise an aspect of a given text in not more than 100 words. 2. To write an argumentative/discussion-type essay of between 250 - 300 words based on a situation or topic given.
LANGUAGE LEVEL	Formal
WEIGHTAGE OF MARKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary - 10 marks 2. Essay - 15 marks
DURATION	Three (3) hours
MARKING GUIDELINES	Please refer to the scoring guide for the summary and the essay.

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